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**"243 Air Force Reservists from the
910th Airlift Wing to receive activation orders"**

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YOUNGSTOWN AIR RESERVE STATION, OHIO – Two hundred forty-three Air Force Reservists from the 910th Airlift Wing will be receiving activation orders over the next several days to support Operation Joint Forge from Ramstein Air Base in Germany.

Aircrew members assigned to the 757th Airlift Squadron and aircraft maintenance reservists from the 910th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron are getting the call to active duty along with support personnel. Their activation orders are for a period of one year.

Operation Joint Forge is part of a NATO-led Stabilization Force supporting peacekeeping operations in Bosnia-Herzegovina. This operation began June 20, 1998 when Operation Joint Guard ended.

The 910th Airlift Wing has been designated as the lead C-130 airlift unit supporting this operation since the beginning of January 2003. The 910th has been flying airlift missions out of Ramstein Air Base on a volunteer basis with approximately 258 Air Force reservists volunteering for two-week periods of time since then.

Other Air Force Reserve C-130 units have also been supporting Operation Joint Forge along with the 910th since January. They are currently being reassigned to other missions. Because the other Air Force Reserve C-130 units are being reassigned, the activation of the 757th Airlift Squadron and 910th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron personnel became necessary in order to keep the Joint Forge mission going as planned.

The 757th Airlift Squadron is one of two C-130 airlift squadrons assigned to the 910th Airlift Wing. The other is the 773rd Airlift Squadron.

This is the largest activation of Air Force Reserve personnel from the 910th Airlift Wing since Desert Storm.

The primary mission of the 910th Airlift Wing is to deliver personnel and cargo by airdrop and air-land techniques anywhere in the world as directed.

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MEDIA ADVISORY: Please contact the 910th Airlift Wing Public Affairs office at (330) 609-1236 for answers to any questions you may have concerning the information on this release.

PLEASE NOTE: *Media opportunities on-scene at Youngstown Air Reserve Station about this activation will be scheduled for next week. A media advisory will be released from the Public Affairs office when the date and time for such opportunities is set.*